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Building the HIVe is a queer endeavour because it is based on digressive politics of resistance. The HIVe aims to break the silence and notice that HIV prevention still works.

The HIVe desires to make biomedical approaches to HIV prevention ‘strange’ by digressing from what appears to be becoming a ‘normal’ way of talking about treatment as prevention.

Is it not strange that we talk about treatment as prevention after individuals are already infected with HIV?

Unlike treatment as prevention, prevention without treatment is more empowering and cost-effective.

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Why build the HIVe?

1. Globally, gay men, other MSM and transgender communities remain disproportionately at risk of HIV infection

2. Increasingly, these communities are using the Internet and social networking applications to find sex partners

3. Consequently, there is a need for a robust model to share effective digital community-based and led HIV prevention and care interventions

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How to build the HIVe

1. The HIVe is a dynamic model that stimulates ongoing systems-wide strategic collaboration among HIV research, policy and practice sectors across gay men, other MSM and TG communities.

2. After organising a seminar at the MSM Preconference (AIDS 2010), The HIVe disseminated a call to share successful digital HIV prevention and care, community-based and led interventions.

3. Conducting participatory research with CBOs and NGOs in Africa, Asia, Europe and North America, HIVe mentors shared research findings with frontline workers denied access to scientific journals through cyclical online and face-to-face writing workshops. Individuals received critical feedback and editorial support to write-up their interventions into open-access international peer-reviewed journal articles.

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Results of building the HIVe

1. The HIVe published ten manuscripts from eight contexts and successfully facilitated global capacity building within a continuously growing open source, universal access research and education community.

2. 'Building' the HIVe empowered activists and implementers to share their delivery of agency-centred, enabling interventions situated within diverse social-sexual practices mediated by digital technologies.

3. The HIVe's social and political sciences research framework works to unremittingly confront stigma and discrimination, educate about biological, legal and human rights factors influencing HIV risk, and evaluate impact on the health and human rights of gay men, other MSM and transgender communities.

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Benefits of building the HIVe

As a robust model for sharing digital community-based and led HIV prevention and care, The HIVe addresses the 'low' impact of traditional community mobilization approaches that predominantly focus on behavioural change, but fail to leverage the agency and practices of gay men, other MSM and transgenders in a Web 2.0 world.

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We invite gay men, other MSM and transgenders—and all communities affected by HIV, health and human rights issues—to join the efforts to 'bridge the gap' (Kippax et al., 2012) between social, cultural and political sciences and the normative biomedical mantra of treatment as prevention. To turn the tide on HIV and AIDS at this critical moment, we argue that the time has come to move beyond critique to develop an intellectually coherent plan and research agenda to build The HIVe that addresses the question:

How can networked and digital community-based and led HIV and AIDS innovations be researched, designed, implemented and evaluated towards Prevention is a Solution?

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